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## PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions for a additional one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003. A Request for Continued Examination responsive to the Office Action is being filed simultaneously herewith. The extension fee in the amount of \$110 is included in the total fee for filing the Request for Continued Examination for the aboveidentified application, a check for which accompanies this submission. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

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